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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF

LANIA ALMAHAYNI, M.D.

FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE:  
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND  
SURGERY IN THE STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**CONSENT ORDER OF  
LIMITED REINSTATEMENT  
OF LICENSE**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("the Board") upon petition for reinstatement of the license surrendered by Rania Almahayni, M.D. ("Respondent"), effective March 13, 2002, because she suffered from an uncontrolled persecutory delusional disorder which rendered her incapable of discharging the functions required under her license. The Board considered the testimony of respondent and of Louis E. Baxter, M.D. of the Physician's Health Program ("PHP") before a Committee on June 2, 2004, and it has reviewed all relevant documentation submitted.

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The Board found that, despite having acknowledged her past incapacity to discharge the functions required under her license, respondent now has demonstrated a decided improvement of her mental and emotional status under the treatment of Dr. Ayman Ramzy, while regularly taking a new anti-psychotic medication he prescribed. She has more insight under this regimen, and, accordingly, she has demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation, fitness and ability to practice medicine. Respondent has not engaged in the practice of medicine while her license was surrendered, and she is willing to comply with the conditions set forth in this Order,

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter, and the Board finding that the within Consent Order is adequately protective of the public interest;

IT IS ON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> M Y OF Nov., 2004

**ORDERED:**

1. That the license of Rania Almahayni, M. D. to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey shall be reinstated immediately on the following conditions:

a. Respondent's practice of medicine in the State of New Jersey is limited solely to a position as a house officer or staff physician in an institutional setting, where she will ensure that a plenary physician in a supervisory position will take on the supervisory and daily employment monitoring responsibility

described below ("Employment Monitor"). All of respondent's job applications are to be screened and evaluated by the Board's Medical Director, and both the proposed employment and the Employment Monitor must be approved in advance by the Board. Respondent shall provide the Board with the identity, address and qualifications of any proposed Employment Monitor.

b. Respondent shall notify an Employment Monitor at each and every facility at which she plans to practice that *she* has entered into this Order, and the Employment Monitor is to receive copies of this Order and all prior orders concerning respondent, Respondent shall ensure that the Employment Monitor is to be in contact with respondent on a daily basis at work.

c. Respondent shall be responsible to ensure that the Employment Monitor shall supply quarterly reports to the Board's Medical Director. The first report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days and subsequent reports every ninety (90) days thereafter until further order of the Board, regarding the Employment Monitor's assessment of 1) respondent's mental and emotional status; 2) respondent's medical practice; and 3) respondent's compliance with her medication. An immediate (within 24 hours) report, both orally and in writing, shall be made by the Employment Monitor to the Board's Medical Director if the Employment Monitor perceives any change in any of these three areas, or any change that otherwise affects respondent's capacity

to discharge the functions required under her license,

d. Respondent hereby authorizes the Employment Monitor to provide the reports described above to the Board's Medical Director. Respondent expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning the above-outlined reports and disclosures by the Employment Monitor.

e. Respondent shall continue to take her medication and continue to participate in counseling or psychotherapy with Dr. Ayman Ramzy or a successor approved in advance by the Board, with the participation of the PHP, at a frequency to be recommended by Dr. Ramzy or his successor, indefinitely at respondent's expense. Prior to any reduction in the schedule of treatment, discontinuance of treatment or change in counselor or psychotherapist, respondent must appear before the Board and must obtain the approval of the Board.

f. Respondent shall continue to participate in face-to-face meetings with the PHP every sixty (60) days.

g. Respondent shall be responsible to ensure that Dr. Ramzy or his successor shall supply reports after each appointment in which he sees respondent, and the PHP shall supply reports every ninety (90) days to the Board regarding respondent's health status, including, but not limited to: stating the nature of respondent's participation and progress in counseling, therapy and treatment; whether respondent is complying with her recommended treatment

plan, including medication, or counseling schedule and whether respondent: regularly appears for any scheduled appointments for psychotherapy; and an assessment of respondent's continued need for counseling, therapy and/or treatment. An immediate (within 24 hours) report, both orally and in writing, shall be made by the PHP and Dr. Ramzy or his successor to the Board if respondent is not complying with her recommended treatment plan, including medication, or counseling schedule; if respondent fails to appear for any scheduled appointment for psychotherapy; or any discontinuance of treatment, whether initiated by respondent or by Dr. Ramzy or his successor; or any information which in its reasonable judgment affects respondent's capacity to discharge the functions required under her license,

h. Respondent hereby authorizes the FHP and Dr. Ramzy or his successor to provide the reports described above to the Board. Respondent expressly waives any claim to privilege or confidentiality that she may have concerning the above-outlined reports and disclosures by the PHP and Dr. Ramzy or his successor to the Board.

i. All costs associated with the employment monitoring program and the counseling, psychotherapy and outlined above shall be paid directly by respondent.

j. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an Order of automatic suspension of license without notice, upon the Board's

receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable that respondent has materially failed to comply with any of the conditions set forth above, any other provision of this Order, or a prima facie showing of a deterioration of respondent's mental condition.

k. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on two (2) days notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that the information submitted was false.

This Order supercedes the Order filed in this matter on

April 23, 2002, and this Order is effective upon its filing with the Board of Medical Examiners.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bernard Robins, M.D., F.A.C.P.  
President**

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by the terms therein. Consent is hereby given for the Board to enter this Order.

Rania Almahayni, M.D.  
Rania Almahayni, M.D.

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to comply with the terms which relate to the Physicians Health Program (PHP).

L. E. Baxter  
Louis E. Baxter, M.D., F.A.S.A.M.  
Physicians Health Program

3 have read and understood the within Order and agree to comply with the terms which relate to counseling and reporting requirements.

A. Ramzy, M.D.  
Ayman Ramzy, M.D.

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to comply with the terms which

relate to the Employment Monitor.

\_\_\_\_\_ {Signature)

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Employment Monitor {Printed Name)

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